

**Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM**  
**Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call - Chair Anna Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Also present were Sonia Grace, Stephanie Gonzalez, and Diosa Martinez. Carlos Tobon, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, and Hugo Figueroa were absent.
- II. Pledge
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes of June 10, 2014- A motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014, was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried (4,0)
- IV. Approval of personnel actions including new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement- The list of personnel items was read for the record:

Appointments:

Laurilim Rosado – Census clerk – ESL/Special Education  
Marlene Montano – Truancy Officer  
Jocelyn Grassey – Speech & Language Pathologist  
Karen Maldonado – Guidance Counselor  
Danira Ortiz – Grade 6 Dual Language  
Heather Noyes-Fredette – Occupational Therapist  
Annika Llungberg – School Psychologist

Resignation

Mia Godbout  
Karen Carpentier  
Alyssa Bonilla  
Kem Edwards  
Amanda Klaiber

Retirement

Marie Klie  
Lawrence DeCoste

Parental Leave of Absence

Shayla Coleman

A motion to approve the personnel actions was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried (4, 0)

- V. Approval of bills – A motion to approve the bills pending the completion of the full review by Ms. Grace was made Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried. (4,0)
- VI. Public Comment- none
- VII. Seeking funds for the Teaching, Learning and Research Center Project- Dr. Gallo updated all parties about the forward movement of this project. Funds are need to complete the project since the renovations will be quite costly.
- VIII. Superintendent Comment – Summer review, Leadership Retreat update, Community Health Center, Innovation Lab update- The various summer opportunities were reviewed. Special note was taken to reiterate the success of the strong elementary summer Read, Talk, and Play Program. Comments were shared referencing the tremendous efforts by the Center For Dynamic Learning as partners with the Central Falls School District and the culminating event that included CF students in a dance performance and the go-cart races that caught the interest of both Mayor Diossa and Mayor Fung. The Leadership Retreat was reviewed with packets of information provided to each Trustee. Dr. Gallo noted that it was a most powerful retreat. Dr. Gallo noted that the Equity theme will be carried forward throughout the year through a book study: *Courageous Conversations* by Singleton and Linton. Each month at the administrator meetings sections of the book will be deliberately reviewed. Dr. Gallo informed the trustees that the high school nurses station is being transformed into a mini community health clinic. New paint, furniture, and partnerships with the RI Department of Health, Lifespan, and Blackstone Valley Community Health will see medical support for our high school students each day from 7:45 AM until 4:15 PM by the end of September and throughout the school year. The hope is that this health clinic will soon be open to the entire CF community by the summer of 2015. Lastly, Dr. Gallo spoke most positively about the RIC partnership as the Innovation Lab Projects continue to grow in number and expand in depth for the upcoming school year. Dr. Gallo noted that soon a member of the CF staff will sit on the IRB committee reviewing all proposed research projects that may impact Central Falls. Soon a documentary will be aired to launch this auspicious project statewide.
- IX. Board Comment- Anna Cano Morales added kudos to Ms. Gonzalez for the grandly successful Attendance Matters Project whereby nearly 400

families have been visited this summer creating new and personal lines of communication between homes and schools. Patricia Martinez's leadership coupled with Stephanie Gonzalez's laser sharp vision propelled volunteers from across the sectors of CF, that is, alumni, politicians, partners, employees, to gather and walk the city making planned and powerful home visits brining words of welcome, information packets, and strong lines of communication with them. Ms. Morales also spoke of a new book just out, *The Oral History of Latinos in RI*, by Marta Martinez. All the proceeds from the sale of this book will provide scholarship for youth in pursuit of higher education.

- X. A motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation. (Specifically, certified union litigation and early review of negotiation preparations), was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Martinez. A roll call was taken. All concurred.
- XI. A roll call vote was taken to come out of Executive Session. All concurred. Chairperson Morales noted that no vote was taken in executive session. Ms. Martinez made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. This was seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motioned carried. (4,0)
- XII. Next Scheduled Meeting: September 16, 2014 at 6 PM at the Ell Risk School. Topics: SRP High School and Curriculum Review along with 2016 Budget
- XIII. Adjournment – At 8:30 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Martinez.